

[English]

Radio Telephone Network

4126. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware about the non-functioning of Radio Telephone Network in the Entire Rural area of Betul district in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to revive the system?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) Out of 21 Base stations of the Radio Telephone network of Betul, only three are non-functional. In all, 165 village telephones (VLTs) out of 336 are faulty. Action is being taken on priority to make all Base Stations and VPTs fully functional by 31st Jan., 97.

[Translation]

TV Transmitter, Rajasthan

4127. VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) since when the TV transformer is functioning in Bundi, Rajasthan alongwith its installed capacity;

(b) the total Megawatt of power utilised by the transformer during the last three months;

(c) whether due to non-operation of the transformer at its full capacity the T.V. sets of common man get burned and also the reception is of poor quality; and

(d) the reasons for running the transformer below the installed capacity?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) 100 W Lower Power TV transmitter (LPT) was commissioned at Bundi on 8.9.1989 which was subsequently replaced by a 10 KW High Power TV transmitter (HPT) w.e.f. 27.6.1993.

(b) The total power utilised by the HPT during the last three months is 91.146 MW.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Conference of General Managers

4128. SHRI JANG BAHDUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a two-day conference of General Managers of all Railway Zones, production units

and Calcutta Metro was held in Delhi in November, 1996;

(b) if so, the points discussed in the conference; and

(c) the decisions taken therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Performance of various Zonal Railways including Metro Calcutta and the Production Units were discussed and guidelines given towards achieving the targets set for earnings, freight loading and production of coaches and locomotives in the Railway Production Units. During the Conference along with other issues, the Safety and Punctuality performance of the Railways were also reviewed and guidelines given for necessary corrective action wherever needed.

[Translation]

Computerisation of Exchanges

4129. SHRI GANGA RAM KOLI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of computerised exchanges in the country;

(b) whether all the telephone exchanges in the country are proposed to be computerised by 1996-97; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when they are likely to be computerised?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) There are 20715 computer controlled exchanges in the country as on 31.3.96.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) It is proposed to convert all the electromechanical exchanges into computer controlled exchanges during 9th Five Year Plan.

[English]

Grievances of Travelling Passengers

4130. SHRI UDAYISINGRAO GAIKWAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any unit is working under Zonal Railways as well as in the Ministry to take note of grievances of travelling public as and when these are brought to notice through media;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its functions;

(c) whether these units have taken note to grievances of travelling public brought to notice through Media in November, 1996;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon; and